

INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2000 - 0530 MDT
NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL III

CURRENT SITUATION:

Eleven new large fires were reported, one in the Rocky Mountain Area, one in Northern California and nine in the Southern Area. Crews reached containment goals on seven large fires. Initial attack activity was moderate in the Southern Area and light elsewhere. Very high to extreme fire indices were reported in Oregon, California, Idaho, Utah, Nevada, Montana, Arizona, Colorado, Kansas, Arkansas, Texas, Alabama, and Oklahoma.

SOUTHERN AREA LARGE FIRES:

CHICKEN, Texas State Forest Service. This fire is located 20 miles east of Nacogdoches, TX. A Type II Incident Management Team (Ruggiero) is assigned. Higher relative humidity and cloud cover allowed crews to work the northern perimeter. Interior burning continues.

ARBUCKLE COMPLEX, Oklahoma Division of Forestry. A Type II Incident Management Team (Ferguson) is assigned. This fire is located 11 miles northwest of Ardmore, OK. The fire is extremely active and several homes were evacuated. The fire jumped interstate 35 and is threatening the town of Davis, TX. Strong winds, extremely low fuel moistures and low relative humidity are contributing to control problems.

COUNTY LINE, Alabama Forestry Commission. This fire is located three miles south of Providence, AL. The fire is threatening the community of Providence, outlying residences, powerlines, and a natural gas line. Drought conditions and strong winds are hampering control efforts.

LINDSAY, Oklahoma Division of Forestry. This fire is located five miles southwest of Lindsay, OK. The fire has exhibited extreme fire behavior such as crowning and spotting up to one quarter mile. Numerous structures are threatened. Very high winds, low fuel moisture and low relative humidity are contributing to control problems.

GIBSON, Oklahoma Division of Forestry. This wind driven fire is located four miles east of Newkirk, OK.

SUGARLOAF, Oklahoma Division of Forestry. This fire is burning in a mixed hardwood and pine plantation two miles north of Monroe, OK. The fire is in monitor status.

BRISTOW, Oklahoma Division of Forestry. This fire is located six miles northeast of Bristow, OK. The fire is exhibiting extreme fire behavior with spotting, crowning and rapid rates of spread. The fire escaped containment lines several times. Numerous structures remain threatened. Rough terrain is contributing to control problems. Evacuation plans are in place.

LONGTHORN, Southern Plains Regional Office, BIA. This fire is located north of Cooperton, OK. High winds, single digit relative humidity and high temperatures continue to challenge efforts.

STEPHENVILLE, Texas State Forest Service. This fire is located 50 miles southeast of Ft. Worth, TX. The fire is burning in cedar, oak, mesquite, and juniper. Air operations assisted in saving a subdivision.

BUTTER CREEK, Texas State Forest Service. This fire is located in Cass County, TX, and is burning in grass, brush and timber. The town of Queen City was partially evacuated.

CEMENT, Oklahoma Division of Forestry. This fire is located one mile north of Cement, OK. The fire is burning in grass and hardwood timber fuels. Extreme fire behavior has been observed. Rates of spread up to 80 chains an hour were reported. Homes and oil tank batteries remain threatened.

CALHOUN, Oklahoma Division of Forestry. This fire is located ten miles northwest of Poteau, OK. This fire is burning in a pine plantation and hardwood timber fuels. Fire behavior observed included crowning, spotting and rapid rates of spread. Numerous structures were threatened.

GORGE, Oklahoma Division of Forestry. This fire is located five miles west of Wynona, OK, and is burning in grass and hardwood timber. Crown fire with 60 foot flame lengths was observed. Homes and outbuilding remain threatened.

OAKCLIFF, Oklahoma Division of Forestry. This fire is located five miles south of Guthrie, OK, and is burning in grass, cedar and hardwood timber fuels. Crown fire with rapid rates of spread were reported. Fifty primary structures are reported destroyed and 450 still threatened. Evacuation plans are in place for surrounding communities.

JONES CREEK, Texas State Forest Service. This fire is located in Franklin County, TX, and is burning in grass and timber. Underground gas lines are slowing line construction .

TURKEY, Texas State Forest Service. This fire is burning in heavy oak and pine fuels 20 miles southwest of Nacogdoches, TX. No new information was received.

RAZORBACK, Southern Plains Regional Office. This fire is located west of Andarko, OK. Extreme fire behavior observed with 80 foot flame lengths and spotting to one tenth of a mile.

SHELL LAKE, Oklahoma Division of Forestry. This fire is burning in grass and timber two miles northwest of Sand Springs, OK. No new information was received.

CEMENT PLANT, Oklahoma Division of Forestry. This fire is located one and a half miles south of Pawnee, OK. No new information was reported.

KERNEL, Eastern Oklahoma Regional Office, BIA. This fire is located four miles east of Vamoosa, OK. No new information was received.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOSS	EST LOSS	\$\$\$ C-T-D
CHICKEN	TX	TXS	4000	95	9/21	90	NR	NR	NR	0	NR	NR
ARBUCKLE COMPLE	OK	OKS	4000	10	UNK	37	0	20	2	0	NR	NR

COUNTY LINE	AL	ALS	3330	50	9/30	100	1	4	0	0	NR	NR
LINDSAY	OK	OKS	300	5	9/26	16	0	10	0	0	NR	1K
GIBSON	OK	OKS	200	95	UNK	1	0	1	0	0	NR	NR
SUGARLOAF	OK	OKS	250	95	UNK	1	0	1	0	2	NR	NR
BRISTOW	OK	OKS	1100	20	UNK	22	NR	NR	NR	0	NR	18K
LONGTHORN	OK	AAA	560	80	9/20	14	0	6	0	0	NR	2K
STEPHENVILLE	TX	TXS	105	80	9/20	35	NR	NR	NR	1	NR	NR
BUTTER CREEK	TX	TXS	110	80	9/20	30	NR	NR	NR	0	NR	NR
CEMENT	OK	OKS	500	0	UNK	147	0	21	1	0	NR	10K
CALHOUN	OK	OKS	1000	0	9/21	7	0	4	0	0	NR	20K
GORGE	OK	OKS	2500	0	UNK	50	1	6	0	0	NR	NR
OAKCLIFF	OK	OKS	2560	0	UNK	186	0	75	3	50	NR	NR
JONES CREEK	TX	TXS	110	80	9/20	25	NR	NR	NR	0	NR	NR
TURKEY	TX	TXS	200	70	UNK	35	NR	NR	NR	0	NR	NR
RAZORBACK	OK	AAA	100	70	9/22	21	0	10	0	0	NR	5K
SHELL LAKE	OK	OKS	1200	95	UNK	3	0	1	0	0	NR	NR
CEMENT PLANT	OK	OKS	600	95	UNK	3	0	1	0	0	NR	NR
KERNEL	OK	MAA	640	100	---	36	2	1	0	0	NR	NR
CEMETERY ROAD	OK	OKS	220	100	---	34	0	1	0	0	NR	10K
FLYING L RANCH	TX	TXS	130	100	---	50	NR	NR	NR	0	NR	NR

ROCKY MOUNTAIN AREA LARGE FIRES:

VALENTINE COMPLEX, Valentine National Wildlife Refuge. This fire is located 25 miles south of Valentine, NE. There are seven lightning-caused fires burning on the Valentine Refuge. Light precipitation, cloud cover and higher humidity have slowed the fire spread and aided mopup efforts. Residents were allowed to return home.

COOPER MOUNTAIN, Canon City District, BLM. This fire is located ten miles northeast of Canon City, CO. Significant progress was made on fireline construction and some mopup is underway.

SPRING MOUNTAIN, Wind River Agency, BIA. This fire is located 35 miles southeast of Pavillion, WY. Steep, rocky terrain is hampering containment efforts. Current threats are to commercial timber.

POWDERHORN COMPLEX, Nebraska National Forest. This fire is located 18 miles west of Merrit Reservoir, NE. Early morning moisture and cooler temperatures have decreased fire behavior. Light precipitation aided in mopup operations.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	%	EST	TOTAL	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC	EST	\$\$\$
				CTN	CTN	PERS				LOSS	LOSS	C-T-D
VALENTINE COMPL	NE	VAR	13000	50	9/21	72	0	17	0	0	NR	NR
COOPER MOUNTAIN	CO	CCD	100	90	9/20	127	5	1	1	0	NR	NR
SPRING MOUNTAIN	WY	WRA	750	5	9/22	107	4	8	2	0	NR	NR
POWDERHORN CMPL	NE	NBF	69000	20	9/20	109	3	14	2	0	NR	150K
214	WY	CAD	250	100	---	20	0	6	0	0	NR	NR
DECKER	RM	PRA	8000	100	---	12	0	5	0	0	NR	NR
MURPHY DRAW	WY	RSD	1700	100	---	15	1	6	0	0	NR	NR
ELDORADO	CO	FTX	1087	100	---	555	12	49	4	1	NR	1.3M

NORTHERN ROCKIES AREA LARGE FIRES:

BUNYAN POINT/EAR MTN. COMPLEX, Lewis and Clark National Forest. A Type I Incident Management Team (Bennett) is assigned. This complex is located 22 miles west-southwest of Augusta, MT, and consists of the Bunyan Point and Ear Mountain fires. The Ear Mountain fire reached 100 percent containment. The Bunyan fire remains unstaffed and will continue to be monitored. Lower temperatures and precipitation has limited fire growth. Some demobilization is occurring. A guest ranch, winter range and grizzly habitat are threatened.

VALLEY COMPLEX, Bitterroot National Forest. A Type II Incident Management Team (Gauger) is assigned. These fires are located seven miles south of Darby, MT. The complex consists of the Bear, Taylor, Taylor Spot, Hilltop, Razor, Fat, and Mink fires. Cloudy, cool weather and higher humidity has decreased fire activity. Rehabilitation is continuing on the fires.

SKALKAHO COMPLEX, Bitterroot National Forest. A Type II Incident Management Team (Hoff) is assigned. This group of fires is located ten miles southeast of Hamilton, MT. Cloudy, cool weather has slowed fire activity. Mopup and rehabilitation continues.

MUSSIGBROD COMPLEX, Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest. These fires are located 12 miles northwest of Wisdom, MT. The complex includes the Mussigbrod and Maynard fires. Crews are working interior hotspots and rehabilitation continues in all divisions.

MIDDLE FORK COMPLEX, Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest. These fires are located 30 miles southwest of Philipsburg, MT. The complex consists of the Falls Creek, Cougar Creek, Coyote Springs, Medicine Lake, Skalkaho Pass, Lick Creek, and Cooper Creek fires. Crews continued to make good progress on securing containment lines. Mopup and rehabilitation continues.

SHOULDER BLADE, Crow Agency, BIA. This fire is located eight miles southeast of Saint Xavier, MT. The fire received a considerable amount of rain. Crews are patrolling and continuing with mopup.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC	EST LOSS	\$\$\$ C-T-D
BUNYAN PT./EAR	MT	LCF	3684	UNK	UNK	217	10	5	2	0	NR	269K
VALLEY COMPLEX	MT	BRF	211385	65	UNK	410	6	15	3	227	NR	30.4M
SKALKAHO CPLX	MT	BRF	70685	87	UNK	151	2	3	3	4	NR	10.9M
MUSSIGBROD CPLX	MT	BDF	84939	90	UNK	59	1	5	1	1	NR	11.4M
MIDDLE FORK COM	MT	BDF	17535	85	UNK	36	1	0	3	0	NR	17.3M
SHOULDER BLADE	MT	CRA	782	90	9/20	25	0	4	0	0	NR	NR

EASTERN GREAT BASIN AREA LARGE FIRES:

CLEAR CREEK COMPLEX, Salmon-Challis National Forest. A Type I Incident Management Team (Stam) is assigned. This complex consists of the Clear Creek, Marlin Springs, Full Circle, and Sisters fires. The 3rd Battalion,

2nd Marines from Camp Lejeune, North Carolina, commanded by LTC Smith, is committed. Observed fire behavior is minimal due to light rain showers received and high humidity. Increased acreage reflects the inclusion of all fires within the complex.

BRUSH CANYON, Upper Snake River District, Eastern Idaho Area, BLM. This fire, located 12 miles south of Malad, ID, is burning in grass and juniper. Strong winds and rough terrain are hampering containment efforts. Critical wildlife habitat is threatened.

SCF WILDERNESS, Salmon-Challis National Forest. Eleven wildland fires are currently burning within the Salmon-Challis Wilderness Complex, including the Little Pistol, Indian Creek, Filly, Butts, Papoose, Parker, Packer Meadow, and Shell Rock. Wilson Creek, Jackass and Jack Creek are no longer part of this complex. Fires continue to smolder with no significant growth.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	%	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC	EST LOSS	\$\$\$ C-T-D
CLEAR CREEK COM	ID	SCF	216961	85	9/30	1405	33	13	13	1	0	59.4M
BRUSH CANYON	ID	IFD	600	90	9/20	53	2	0	1	0	NR	NR
SCF WILDERNESS	ID	SCF	182600	0	UNK	4	0	0	0	46	NR	447K
TAYLOR	ID	IFD	12740	100	---	165	5	18	2	0	NR	NR
CHERRY CREEK	ID	CAF	500	100	---	53	2	4	0	0	NR	NR

SOUTHWEST AREA LARGE FIRES:

BLOODGOOD COMPLEX, Gila National Forest. A Fire Use Management Team (Cook) is assigned. This complex consists of the Bloodgood and the Sierra fires. These lightning ignited wildfires are being managed to accomplish resource objectives. The fires continue to exhibit low and moderate fire behavior.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	%	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC	EST LOSS	\$\$\$ C-T-D
BLOODGOOD	NM	GNF	11000	UNK	UNK	8	0	0	0	0	NR	140K

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA LARGE FIRES:

CONCOW, Butte Ranger Unit, California Division of Forestry. This fire is located 18 miles east of Chico, CA. The fire is being pushed by strong winds and is being affected by high temperatures and low humidity. Numerous structures are threatened, although no structures are reported damaged.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	%	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC	EST LOSS	\$\$\$ C-T-D
CONCOW	CA	BTU	800	0	UNK	975	44	52	5	0	NR	NR

OUTLOOK:

ROCKY MTN	FIRES	0					2	2
	ACRES	350					1	351
EASTERN	FIRES						1	1
	ACRES						60	60
SOUTHERN	FIRES	3				246	5	254
	ACRES	115				15574	32	15721
TOTAL	FIRES	5	4	0	1	275	32	317
	ACRES	469	1866	0	0	15717	200	18252

 FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
ALASKA	FIRES	1	13	22	8	302	5	351
	ACRES	6	143076	246961	43763	317427	0	751233
NORTHWEST	FIRES	223	233	41	20	1305	924	2746
	ACRES	24038	208953	83023	10	258127	125317	699468
CA-NORTH	FIRES	163	12	4	10	2047	631	2867
	ACRES	201	142	10	1	15440	72043	87837
CA-SOUTH	FIRES	30	84	6	63	2405	782	3370
	ACRES	53	41085	98	112	26909	69988	138245
NORTHERN	FIRES	905	97	28	52	1174	1640	3896
	ACRES	38607	11579	1700	6097	207297	776863	1042143
GB-EAST	FIRES	70	1113	3	46	528	1100	2860
	ACRES	44667	500831	70	4010	101915	903951	1555444
GB-WEST	FIRES	8	649	4	7	103	254	1025
	ACRES	2380	607216	1105	11	7185	27403	645300
SOUTHWEST	FIRES	1267	286	22	88	1189	2631	5483
	ACRES	18149	60580	16091	11403	285471	143484	535178
ROCKY MTN	FIRES	617	847	22	58	884	809	3237
	ACRES	158647	109753	2053	33335	42767	114457	461012
EASTERN	FIRES	763		9	28	9635	428	10863
	ACRES	15804		499	519	82737	15690	115249
SOUTHERN	FIRES	111		85	102	40630	1269	42197
	ACRES	8266		15895	3853	805080	42414	875508
TOTALS	FIRES	4158	3334	246	482	60202	10473	78895
	ACRES	310818	1683215	367505	103114	2150355	2291610	6906617
TEN YEAR AVERAGE FIRES								65632
TEN YEAR AVERAGE ACRES								3117531

 PRESCRIBED FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
ALASKA	FIRES			1		4		5
	ACRES			125		379		504
NORTHWEST	FIRES	19	23	25			201	268
	ACRES	5638	3540	5022			20867	35067
CA-NORTH	FIRES		2	8	1		121	132
	ACRES		328	1167	12		10365	11872
CA-SOUTH	FIRES			5	3		80	88
	ACRES			300	124		5152	5576
NORTHERN	FIRES	20	5	87	3	58	239	412

GB-EAST	ACRES	1775	1991	16531	395	6446	35354	62492
	FIRES	1	15	5	3	6	18	48
GB-WEST	ACRES	272	9199	1448	975	153	11325	23372
	FIRES						2	2
SOUTHWEST	ACRES						1526	1526
	FIRES	31	213	26	12	2	195	479
ROCKY MTN	ACRES	23385	14214	1888	4289	360	67762	111898
	FIRES	1	8	135	10	8	63	225
EASTERN	ACRES	850	2743	17379	2937	705	20263	44877
	FIRES	15		87	11	132	211	456
SOUTHERN	ACRES	2947		17992	1290	84424	18500	125153
	FIRES	9		137	67	103	710	1026
USA TOTALS	ACRES	902		61589	40399	61971	457904	622765
	FIRES	96	266	516	110	313	1840	3141
	ACRES	35769	32015	123441	50421	154438	649018	1045102

WILDLAND FIRE USE (WFU) FIRES AND ACRES YESTERDAY:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
ALASKA	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
NORTHWEST	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
CA-NORTH	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
CA-SOUTH	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
NORTHERN	FIRES						2	2
	ACRES						0	0
GB-EAST	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
GB-WEST	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
SOUTHWEST	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
ROCKY MTN	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
EASTERN	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
SOUTHERN	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
TOTAL	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	2	2
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

WILDLAND FIRE USE (WFU) FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
ALASKA	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
NORTHWEST	FIRES						1	1
	ACRES						1	1

CA-NORTH	FIRES								0
	ACRES								0
CA-SOUTH	FIRES				6			7	13
	ACRES				3			780	783
NORTHERN	FIRES				2			10	12
	ACRES				388			3969	4357
GB-EAST	FIRES								0
	ACRES								0
GB-WEST	FIRES								0
	ACRES								0
SOUTHWEST	FIRES							16	16
	ACRES							14625	14625
ROCKY MTN	FIRES							1	1
	ACRES							550	550
EASTERN	FIRES								0
	ACRES								0
SOUTHERN	FIRES				10		24		34
	ACRES				1129		125		1254
USA TOTALS	FIRES	0	0	0	18		25	34	77
	ACRES	0	0	0	1520		675	19375	21570

Fires and acres reported to the National Interagency Coordination Center are for operational use. Official totals may be obtained by contacting the Agencies directly.

CANADA FIRES AND HECTARES:

Provinces	Fires		Hectares	
	Last Week	Last Week	Year-to-date	Year-to-date
BRITISH COLUMBIA	0	0	1409	16436
YUKON TERRITORY	0	0	54	7652
ALBERTA	0	0	753	14685
NORTHWEST TERRITORY	0	0	275	200179
SASKATCHEWAN	0	0	401	120561
MANITOBA	0	0	330	83516
ONTARIO	0	0	520	6075
QUEBEC	0	0	478	28611
NEWFOUNDLAND	0	0	209	146414
NEW BRUNSWICK	0	0	293	282
NOVA SCOTIA	0	0	190	458
PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND	0	0	20	22
NATIONAL PARKS	0	0	92	7455
TOTALS	0	0	5024	632346

RESOURCE STATUS: COMMITTED RESOURCES

Area	Crews		Engs		Heli		Airt		Ovrhd	
	Fed	ST/OT	Fed	ST/OT	Fed	ST/OT	Fed	ST/OT	Fed	ST/OT
ALASKA										
NORTHWEST	2		1		2		3		7	2
CA-NORTH	1	44	7	46	5	2	3	5	1	45

CA-SOUTH	4		14		1	1				
NORTHERN	23	3	30	25	15	4			231	67
GB-EAST	20	26	31	29	17	4			225	209
GB-WEST			6							
SOUTHWEST	12		15	1	2	1			30	
ROCKY MTN	35	4	44	113	10	1			122	84
EASTERN									3	
SOUTHERN	4	1	6	163	3	7			26	60
TOTAL	101	78	154	377	55	20	3	5	645	467

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